



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

## BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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## BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING

### Minutes of October 2, 2013

The meeting of the Cambridge Election Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Commission office at 51 Inman Street. Present were Commissioner Ethridge King, *Chair*, Commissioner Polyxane Cobb, Commissioner Peter Sheinfeld, Commissioner Larry Ward, Executive Director Tanya Ford, Assistant Director Lesley Waxman, and Robert Winters and Ethan Cobb, members of the public.

### I: MINUTES

The Minutes of September 24, 2013 were approved:

Motion: To approve the Minutes of September 24, 2013

Moved: Commissioner King

Seconded: Commissioner Sheinfeld

The Motion passed: 3-0

### II: REPORTS

#### Executive Director's Report [See attached]

The Executive Director Reported she had been notified by the Commonwealth of a potential reimbursement for the 2010 Special Primary/Election to fill the State Senate seat vacated by Anthony Galluccio. She was informed that the amount would cover the 17 precincts in Cambridge which, in 2010, voted in the Special Elections. Ms. Ford later reminded them that that district had only 11 Cambridge precincts in 2010. She was then informed that they would have to re-work their figures since that had not been taken into account. In fact, the entire district had been modified, so the potential amounts they had calculated per community originally were now understood to be incorrect. We will be informed at a later date of the corrected amount.

The Executive Director requested approval of the Designated Health Care Facilities list for the November Municipal Election.

Motion: To approve the list of Designated Health Care Facilities

Moved: Commissioner Cobb

Seconded: Commissioner King

The Motion passed: 4-0

The Executive Director reminded the Commissioners that there would be a Voter Registration table at the Annual Oktoberfest event in Harvard Square on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Executive Director provided samples of the Census Forms for 2014, along with the Voter Registration Request Form. She noted that most of the precincts had more workers than there were positions available. Most of the new applications come from a tear-off form on the Census Form. The Commissioners felt that holding recruitment sessions and inviting applications for positions that largely don't exist isn't productive..

Motion: That the Poll Worker Application form on the Annual City Census form be removed for the 2014 Census.

Moved: Commissioner Sheinfeld

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

The Motion passed: 4-0

The Executive Director noted that there was a problem in having the Household Name followed by the words "or Current Resident" on the Census Form, noting that the information is, in some cases, not provided on the Street List (names of minors, names of safety officers, etc.).

Motion: To remove the words "or Current Resident" from the address on the Census Form consistent with MGL Chapter 51, Sec. 4

Moved: Commissioner Cobb

Seconded: Commissioner Sheinfeld

The Motion passed: 4-0

The Board agreed by consensus to re-word the Voter Registration Form Request Form which accompanies the Census to make it clearer and to remove political designations that were formally listed as political parties,.

#### Assistant Director's Report [See attached]

The Assistant Director noted that she has reminded the candidates for School Committee that their Campaign Financial reports were due on October 28, 2013.

#### Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Ward reported that an employee of the School Department had expressed concern about candidates for municipal office attending events at the school. He was told that the candidates did not wear campaign buttons or stickers or pass out literature, but did interact with some of the parents. The reporter wondered what to do. The Board agreed that campaigns are not within our sphere of responsibility, we have no investigatory capacity, and no authority to investigate. The proper place to report these concerns is the Commonwealth's Office of Campaign and Political Finance.

### III: ACTION AGENDA

#### Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business

#### New Business

The Board scheduled the next meeting for Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at the Citywide Senior Center at 806 Massachusetts Avenue in Central Square.

The Board scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 8:30 p.m. at the Citywide Senior Center at 806 Massachusetts Avenue in Central Square

The Board moved to adjourn at 6:30 p.m..

Motion: To adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

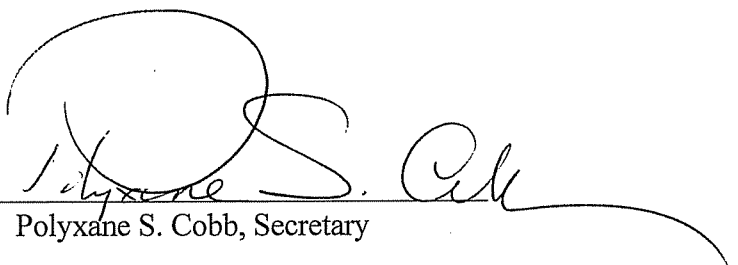
Moved: Commissioner King

Seconded: Commissioner Sheinfeld

The Motion passed 4-0

A True Record

Attested by:

  
Polyxane S. Cobb, Secretary